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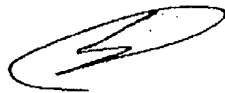
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 16, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on March 16, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period for response to April 16, 2004. Thus, this Response should be considered timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-47 are currently pending in the present application. Applicants take this opportunity to thank Examiner